

# AMERICAN FIRE DROPS VILLA MEN

## RUMANIA IS FORCED INTO LIGHT AGAIN

Since Greece Has Emerged From European Muddle She Loses Attention.

### EXPECT EARLY STAND

Disposition of Ferdinand's Country Expected to Be Definitely Known.

London, Nov. 26, (12:30 p. m.)—The Greek situation having emerged from the uncertainty which for some time has been a potent menace to the allied campaign in the Balkans, Rumania's problem now commands the chief attention in Europe. Although Rumania is beset with difficulties somewhat similar to those which caused Greece to hesitate, she is not involved in the same political turmoil and her situation is expected to mature more rapidly.

**Test Influence Offset.**  
Whatever German efforts have been made in Rumania, it is believed here they have been largely offset by the presence of large Russian forces close to the frontier and the now rapidly developing Russian preparations, with Odessa as a base, from which no other inference is possible than her immediate entrance into the Balkan conflict.

Emperor Nicholas is said to have promised the appearance of Russian troops in Bulgaria within a week. There are increasing indications that this campaign will be launched by way of Rumania and it is reported that conferences are now being held between representatives of Russia and Rumania to obtain the latter's consent to this movement. This consent, as outlined clearly by the Rumanian statement has depended on whether the allies gain a preponderance of forces in the Balkans. Rumania gives evidence of being impressed strongly by the concentration of 250,000 Russian troops at Ismail and Reni, near the border.

**Serbs Fight On.**  
No optimistic achievement has been recorded on either side since the German announcement of the fall of Pristina and Mitrovitz. With only a small strip of territory left to defend, Serbia's leaders declare she is unbeaten and can still harass the invaders. General Boyadjieff, the Bulgarian commander, says on the other hand, that King Peter's troops will be put out of action in a few days.

No official report has reached London at noon today of the capture of Gorizia by the Italians, although the fall of the city was regarded as imminent. This important system of fortifications, commanding the railway lines connecting the upper and lower Isonzo, has been the objective of which the Italian army has been struggling for several months.

**Serbia To Be Born Again.**

Paris, Nov. 26, (5:26 a. m.)—A prediction that no matter what happens Serbia "will be born again," was made by War Minister Bokovitch to the Matin's Monastir correspondent, who quotes the Serbian general as saying: "We are already to hold out to the last. If fortune abandons us altogether, so much the worse, but we still shall hope. Serbia knew how to win liberty after five centuries under the Turkish yoke. It will be the same tomorrow. Serbia will live forever. You cannot kill all the Serbs, and Serbia will be born again to grow greater in the future."

When the dispatch to the Matin was filed on the 19th the situation at Monastir was reported unchanged. Serbian advanced posts were no longer in contact with the Bulgarians who were believed to have detached troops to reinforce the army attacking the French. The Serbians then occupied the village of Brod, north of Krusheo, although the town had changed hands several times, being occupied several hours the day before by Bulgarian irregulars.

**Defenders Forced Back.**

Berlin, Nov. 26, (via London, 3 p. m.)—Serbian troops offering resistance in rear guard actions to the Teutonic advance near Mitrovitz and Sienica have been driven back by Field Marshal von Mackensen's forces, German army headquarters announced today.

The text of the statement follows: "In the western zone: There were artillery duels at various places on the front, otherwise nothing of importance took place."

"In the Balkans: Southwest of Sienica and near Mitrovitz enemy rear guards which had still remained before the front of Field Marshal von Mackensen were driven back."

### SAFETY-FIRST FOR HUNTERS



## INCREASE TAXES SUGGESTS M'ADOO

Secretary of Treasury Would Meet Defense Program Expense With Internal Revenue.

Washington, Nov. 26.—Cost of the administration's defense program for the first year would be met by an increase in internal taxation if congress gives its approval to Secretary McAdoo's suggestion.

In a formal announcement Mr. McAdoo declared his belief that an increased tax levy was preferable to a bond issue, adding that it could easily be borne by the American people. He would raise the necessary revenue by lowering income tax exemptions, and assess various commodities.

The statement was issued in connection with an estimate of the federal government's revenues and expenditures up to the close of the next fiscal year. He places the amount of additional revenue required for the expenditure for 1917 at \$112,806,394, including \$63,800,000 for new measures for national defense. This estimate is based on the assumption that congress will continue in effect the present emergency tax law and customs duty on sugar.

It is explained that while proposed army and navy appropriations in 1917 would represent an increase for preparedness considerably in excess of \$92,000,000, a part of the expenditures authorized actually would not be spent during that year but would cover an increase for which additional revenues must be found by the next congress.

If congress approves of Secretary McAdoo's proposals, the income tax exemption on single persons would be reduced from \$2,000 to \$2,000 and on married persons from \$4,000 to \$3,000. The war tax on incomes above \$20,000 would be lowered to \$10,000 or \$15,000 and new taxes would be imposed on numerous articles, including gasoline, crude and refined oils, horsepower of automobiles and other internal combustion engines.

### ARRIVE TO ATTEND SECURITY MEETING

Chicago, Nov. 26.—Men in public life from practically every state in the country arrived here today to attend the first general conference of the National Security league tomorrow.

The organization represents the military preparedness sentiment of the country. A definite policy as to the best means of impressing congress with the need of action will be mapped out at the conference. Reports of the army, navy and national guard committees of the league will be the basis of the discussion.

### 50,000 WOMEN VOTERS ASK FOR AMENDMENT

New York, Nov. 26.—The transcontinental trip of the great petition signed by 50,000 women voters asking for a woman suffrage amendment to the federal constitution, ended here today.

## Key to Death of Two Held by Giant Cop

St. Louis, Nov. 26.—In William Street, night chief of police of Madison, Ill., famed as the biggest policeman in Illinois, rests today, the police believe, the power to clear up the mystery of the death of his estranged wife, Mrs. Catherine A. Street and Patrolman Charles F. Barmier of the St. Louis police department, whose bodies were found in a "blind" alley here last night, each shot through the heart.

Street, with a bullet wound in his right leg, was arrested a few hours after the shooting but denied he had fired the shot which had taken the life of either. His condition was such last night that he could not tell a coherent story.

According to a bartender and other witnesses Street had quarreled with his wife in a wine room near the scene of the shooting and within a block of Mrs. Street's home. From the wine room, according to witnesses and Streets' partial story of last night, he dragged his wife into an alley. Patrolman Barmier followed the Granite City chief and his wife from the public alley into a "blind" alley, and just as the trio were out of sight of witnesses five shots were heard.

When several men at the mouth of the public alley rushed to the "blind" alley they found the bodies of Barmier and Mrs. Street within a few feet of each other. By the side of the policeman was his revolver with two shells discharged. On Street was found a revolver with one chamber empty, but this Street pointed out, was a precautionary measure adopted by many policemen to prevent explosion of the weapon should it fall. His revolver, according to the police, seemed to not have been fired recently. Street last night said that while he was talking to his wife in the alley some one called out: "Now I've got you" and fired one bullet hitting him and another his wife. Street said he ran without returning the fire.

The police are also searching for explanation of several incidental circumstances. Among these are the story told by the bartender of a "revolver-flashing episode" in which Street figured when he found his wife drinking with another man in the wine room, the fact that Mrs. Street's breast bore signs of repeated blows, and the indications of a struggle at Mrs. Street's home.

Chief Street stands six feet five inches in his stocking feet and weighs 300 pounds. He was at one time candidate for sheriff of Madison county, Illinois.

**Custodian of Grant's Tomb Dead.**

New York, Nov. 26.—The announcement was made today of the death of Colonel W. H. M. Sistar, for 10 years custodian of Grant's tomb. He died at his home late yesterday, aged 83. He fought under General Slocum with the 102nd New York Volunteers.

**W. and J. Chooses Captain.**

Washington, Pa., Nov. 26.—Maurice Witherspoon of Chambersburg, Pa., who yesterday was elected captain of the Washington and Jefferson football team of 1916, today declined the honor. He explained that he expected to enter McCormick Theological seminary at Chicago next fall.

## ALASKA PORTS ARE SHUT FOR WINTER

Ice Blocks Navigation at United States Great Northern Possession—Open in Spring.

Seward, Alaska, Nov. 26.—Navigation in Cook Inlet has closed for the winter, according to a radio message from the steamship Admiral Farragut, which was made public today. Four thousand five hundred tons of freight consigned to the Alaska engineering commission and merchants at Anchorage will be unloaded here and stored until next spring when the ice goes out and vessels can reach the railroad construction headquarters.

Contrary to previous reports the Admiral Farragut was unable to discharge any freight at Anchorage. She succeeded in putting the mail and a few passengers ashore but before any of the passengers who had booked passage from Anchorage to Seattle could be taken aboard the ice became so menacing that the vessel put to sea, leaving a large crowd stranded there. Those intending to leave Anchorage before spring must make the journey over the snow trail to Seward, where they can board a steamer for the states.

The steamers Northwest, Kansas City and Alliance are discharging their Anchorage freight here for winter storage.

The freight consigned to Anchorage merchants which will not reach them until next spring included a supply of turkeys for Thanksgiving.

## SKEPTIC ABOUT GREEK PROMISE

London Paper Advises People to Not Take Assurance of Constantine Too Seriously.

London, Nov. 26, (12:42 p. m.)—The Pall Mall Gazette, recalling the assurances given by Eleutherios Venizelos, the Grecian ex-premier, and the way they were nullified by King Constantine's actions, regards present Greek assurances with skepticism and declares that the promise of Premier Skouloudis and his colleagues, whatever shape they may assume, are not to be taken too seriously.

"What has been secured apparently by the gentle pinch of four days arrest of Greek shipping," he newspaper says, "is the assurance that Greece will not be quite as treacherous as words which certain of her ministers might have implied. That the Greek army is to remain mobilized will prevent any sure sense of safety on the part of the entente allies."

## TURKEY BREAKS VOW OF HUNGER STRIKER

Omaha, Nov. 26.—Arthur Hauser, awaiting trial on a charge of murder, who announced his intention of committing suicide by starvation, was unable to resist the temptation of Thanksgiving turkey, and called off his hunger strike last evening. He had eaten nothing during the two days since his arrival here and the police authorities had consulted the city's legal department as to their right and duty to feed him forcibly.

## HOT SPRINGS DEATH TOTAL REPORTED 13

Many Lives Lost by Tornado That Swept Arkansas—Lasted 10 Minutes.

### TWENTY ARE INJURED

It Is Expected Many of Score Hurt Will Not Recover—Damage Heavy.

Hot Springs, Ark., Nov. 26.—Thirteen persons, all women and children, were killed in the tornado which swept a path of desolation two miles south of Hot Springs late yesterday afternoon and cut off the outside world until today. The injured number 20. While 30 suburban homes were torn to splinters, the storm was not felt within the city. The dead:

MRS. CROWDER AND THREE CHILDREN.  
MRS. GEORGE TANNER AND TWO CHILDREN.

MRS. PAUL KENNEDY.  
UNIDENTIFIED NEGRO CHILD.  
BROOKS DAVIS, negro.  
MISS IDA DONALDSON.  
MRS. POE.  
MISS IVY, a nurse.

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 26.—Thirteen dead and 20 known injured was the casualty list reported this morning from Hot Springs, the outskirts of which city was swept last night by a tornado of 10 minutes' duration. Communication was restored with the resort city today.

The storm struck the outskirts of Hot Springs at 3:05 o'clock. From 3:30 o'clock until darkness, searching parties explored the stricken area, quitting only when rain and night made it impossible longer to continue. At daylight the search was resumed.

**Rescuers at Work.**

Relief work was resumed at daybreak today in the tornado swept farming districts south of Hot Springs, in which 10 persons are known to have been killed late yesterday. Nearly two score persons were injured, several of them seriously. It is said the death list may go higher when full details of the storm are known. Owing to the wide area covered, it probably will be late today before accurate estimates of the tornado's damage are available.

Hot Springs was not touched by the storm and on one was hurt within the city limits. Six of the dead were white persons, all of them killed in the destruction of their farmhouses by the storm. Many of the injured were brought to hospitals here.

## SECOND TRIAL OF WATSON STARTED

Georgia Editor Again Faces Federal Charge of Attacking Catholic Church.

Augusta, Ga., Nov. 26.—Thomas E. Watson, once populist candidate for president and well known editor and author, was ready to go on trial today in federal court here on a charge of sending obscene literature through the mails.

The indictment in four counts is based on a serial published in Watson's Jeffersonian magazine, entitled "The Roman Catholic Hierarchy, the Deadliest Menace to Our Liberties and Our Civilization."

This is the second time Watson has faced trial on the same charge and because of the same article.

Ottawa, Ill.—The jury in the case of George David Starkey voted against him a life sentence for the murder of his wife and baby. He was convicted of burning them to death last spring by setting fire to his house on an island in the Illinois river.

### THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vebilly.

Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday, cool tonight but with the temperature above freezing, warmer Saturday.

Temperature at 7 a. m. 44. Highest yesterday 66, lowest last night 44.

Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 5 miles per hour.

Precipitation 2.3 inches. Stage of water 6.8, a rise of .4 in last 5 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

## NOGALES SCENE OF HEATED FIGHT WITH MEXICANS

Douglas, Ariz., Nov. 26.—The Carranza forces have taken Nogales, Sonora. A courier sent to advise Colonel Sage, commanding the American troops, was shot in the wrist and fell from his horse.

Nogales, Ariz., Nov. 26.—Desultory firing just south of Nogales, Sonora, early today indicated that General Villa's troops, which started evacuating the Mexican town last night, had come into contact with the Carranza army of General Obregon.

Two of Villa's troop trains were reported stalled a few miles south of Nogales.

American troops drove crowds two blocks north of the street that forms the boundary between Nogales, Ariz., and Nogales, Sonora.

All the stores in Nogales, Sonora, were looted last night. The Villa general, Acosta, came to the American side at the same time that Villa wounded were brought over the line and filled a hospital conducted by Catholic nuns.

One battery of the 6th United States field artillery arrived from Douglas and another is coming. The 7th and 20th regiments have been ordered to reinforce the 12th infantry and a part of the 9th cavalry on duty here.

Colonel W. H. Sage, commanding the American troops, ordered his infantrymen near the boundary line to open fire. The first exchange across the border line followed and half a dozen Mexicans dropped.

A troop of Villa cavalry was seen approaching from the southwest, firing as they came.

The American troops replied deliberately. Colonel Sage afterward said he had orders to repulse any firing from the Mexican side if it seemed deliberate. General Funston is due here Saturday.

The American soldiers were placed at short intervals all along the boundary between the two lines.

## Pealings Of Chimes Ring Across Land

Columbus, Nov. 26.—Chime bells pealing over the campus of Ohio State University here tonight will ring their music into the ears of 500 alumni in New York and San Francisco, over 2,500 miles of telephone wires.

It will be long-distance chiming, but officials of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, which arranged the demonstration, said today they believed the bells would be heard distinctly on both sides of the continent. A specially constructed transmitter will be used to catch the music vibrations. The set of chimes was dedicated six months ago and most alumni will hear them for the first time, standing, according to campus custom, while the bells ring the melody of "Carmen," and "Ohio," the university anthem.

### THE WAR TODAY

Field Marshal von Mackensen's armies are pressing the pursuit of the retreating Serbians. The Serbian rear guards have been thrown back in the Mitrovitz region and southwest of Sienica, near the Montenegrin frontier, Berlin announces.

Russian offensive movements at several points along the Dvina river front from Riga to Dyvinsk are mentioned in today's statements by the German war office. All the attacks were repulsed, Berlin declares.

British casualties in officers, as shown by the lists issued for the fortnight ended Nov. 8, had reached on that date a total of 26,702, of which number 6,389 officers had been killed, 12,561 wounded and 1,752 listed as missing.

Sinking of the German protected cruiser Frauenlob by a submarine of the entente allies is semi-officially announced in Petrograd, a London dispatch states. The Frauenlob was a sister ship of the cruiser Undine, recently lost. A report that the Frauenlob had been sunk was received in Copenhagen on Nov. 11.

The Italians are vigorously pressing their attack on Go. Quiet on the front in France announced by Paris. There has been a heavy snowfall in the Vosges mountains.

**\$500 Football Fund.**

Moline High school athletic funds were swelled \$500 by the football season which closed yesterday. The most profitable game of the season was that of yesterday in Davenport. The split was \$500. In the Rock Island-Moline game each school made \$300.

## WILSON PUTS VETO ON FORD PEACE PLANS

President Announces His Intention of Taking No Part in Action for Harmony.

### SAYS TIME IS NOT RIPE

Refuses to Act With Other Advocates Until Belligerents Desire Services.

Washington, Nov. 26.—President Wilson will take no part in the campaign to bring about a peace conference. While he will interpose no objection to the unofficial movement, he has heard nothing from Europe which leads him to believe that the time is opportune for him to take any steps. It is stated that at the first intimation from officials of the warring nations that such efforts would be welcome, the president will renew his offer of services.

Henry Ford's peace ship will not carry any representatives of the American government and unless the conditions change in the meantime the government will not take any part in the meeting proposed.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 26.—President Wilson has an engagement late today to see Mrs. Philip Snowden, wife of a member of the British parliament, and Madame Rosika Schwimmer of Hungary, who seek the president's support of the movement for a neutral conference to attempt to end the European war and establish peace. They are to be presented to the president by Henry Ford.

The conference is the climax of a telegraphic campaign in which women in all parts of the country, at the suggestion of Miss Jane Addams of Chicago and other leading women peace advocates, participated, urging the president to interest himself in having the proposed conference of neutral nations called.

Preceding the White house conference for peace a meeting under the auspices of a local organization was held. Among the speakers were Miss Jane Addams, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ford, Mrs. Snowden and Madame Schwimmer.

## GERMANS GETTING ALL THEY DESIRE

Members of Berlin Chamber of Commerce Says People Have What They Want to Eat.

Chicago, Nov. 26.—Meat and eggs have advanced in price in Germany above all other commodities, according to Emil Cohn, a member of the American Chamber of Commerce of Berlin, who was here today on a business mission. In spite of the government restrictions on food consumption, the German people are in no sense suffering from hunger or privation, he said.

Eggs are selling for from six to eight cents apiece and some choice cuts of meat are selling for 75 cents a pound, Mr. Cohn said. Vegetables, on the other hand, are selling below the actual cost, because the government encouraged increased production.

"Germany is prospering in war times far beyond the belief of her enemies," he said. "The people have all they want to eat. The government regulations only avoid waste."

### PRESENT ARGUMENTS AGAINST PURCHASE

Chicago, Nov. 26.—Attorneys representing the Kinlock Long Distance Telephone company of St. Louis and certain stockholders in the Interstate Telephone company of Illinois, presented final arguments today before the Illinois public utilities commission against the purchase of the Interstate company by the American Telephone and Telegraph company. The commission took the case under advisement.

Counsel cited the Sherman anti-trust act and the Clayton act as prohibiting the deal. The Interstate Telephone company has its central office at Springfield. Its lines extend over the southern part of the state.

**Bad Weather Hinders Flyers.**

Austin, Texas, Nov. 26.—The first aero squadron, U. S. A., left here shortly after 8 o'clock this morning on the last lap of the flight from Fort Sill, Okla., to Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Tex. The trip was started a week ago today. Unfavorable weather held the flyers here for two days.